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LEGISLATIVE ALERT:

Reject House Bill 2711

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As the discussion over the energy bill heats up, proponents of House Bill 2711 will tell you that this bill will result in future economic development for Kansas. Unfortunately, this bill also calls for a costly tax increase- the carbon tax. If passed, this would be the first of its kind in the country.

Pressure to accept this bill will build as the week continues. As a signer of the Taxpayer Protection Pledge, you promised your constituents that you will oppose and vote against all tax increases. In doing so, you have pledged to protect their best interests. Now is the time to remain steadfast and refuse to accept any tax hikes that may be put on the table.

In addition to calling for a tax increase, this bill is also bad policy for Kansas. If passed, it would also increase the burden on taxpayers in other ways by:

- Grossly expanding government power
- Allowing government to pick winners and losers in the market
- Creating new *statutory* regulations that are extremely costly to implement

In signing the Pledge, you have acknowledged that any tax increase is dangerous to the growth of the Kansas economy and removes money from taxpayers' pockets. Not only would this carbon tax be a disservice to your constituents, it would also set a horrible precedent.

While proponents of this bill may promise that the state would receive no additional revenue under the current emissions threshold, there is no guarantee that the threshold will not be lowered in future legislative sessions, opening the floodgates for taxpayer dollars to rush into state coffers. This bill would set taxpayers in Kansas up for a future tax hike.

Thank you for your dedication to stand up for taxpayers in
Kansas.

Stand on principle- Reject HB 2711!